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THAT BASE BALL CANARD

News-Press Takes Cimarron Ball Team on Imaginary Trip---Treasurer Indignant

No greater canard has filled the columns of the newspapers of Colorado and New Mexico, or has been more of a humiliation to the persons concerned than has the story of the trip of the Cimarron Baseball club to Dawson on Sunday, March 29th, 1908. This purely imaginary trip emanated from the Cimarron News-Press, a paper published in Raton, N. M., and circulated through part of Cimarron. As a matter of fact, the Cimarron baseball team did not take any trip on the day mentioned, nor did a large Cimarron crowd go to Dawson on an excursion train on that day as was stated in the News-Press. The whole story is purely fiction.

Mr. Harry Steen, treasurer of the baseball team, was highly indignant over the circulation of the vapors of an imaginative mind as expressed in the article mentioned, and sent the following letter to the Citizen for publication.

Dear Sir:—I read in the April 2nd issue of the Cimarron News-Press a story of a purported trip to Dawson that the Cimarron baseball team was alleged to have taken on Sunday, March 29th, and a description of the imaginary ball game that took place there between Cimarron and Dawson. This story is a fabrication of the first water, and as treasurer of the Cimarron ball team, I am very indignant. The canard (I am fond of that word canard) is most heinous, because the first thing I know, the Cimarron News-Press will have the members of the team believing that they did take the trip mentioned, and they will be drawing on me for expenses incurred. Kindly correct the erroneous impression given out by the News-Press.

Very truly yours,
HARRY STEEN, Treas.
If the fairy story writer of the Cimarron News-Press will in the future imagine names for her characters while imagining her stories, she will save her acquaintances much probable annoyance.

APRIL FOOL JOKE PLAYED

MURDERED DUMMY FOUND IN YOUNG MAN'S ROOM---FEARFUL OBJECT.

What might have been a joke with serious consequences was played last Wednesday evening, All Fools' night, by a few heartless and thoughtless young men with more fun-loving instincts than brains. It is to be regretted that such young men should be allowed to run at large without a guardian, because they not only run risks themselves, but are likely to cause serious trouble to others by their thoughtlessness.

These young men, who apparently thought they were doing something very witty, stuffed a dummy, splashed red and all over it, put it in the room of a fine young fellow of their acquaintance, in such a position that it appeared as if the man had been murdered after a severe struggle. Then they mused up the room in order to have it bear out the struggle idea. When the young man in question came into the room and struck a match, his eyes met this fearful sight and it was no little shock to his nerves. Had he been susceptible to severe nervous shocks, the result might have been serious.

As it was, he demonstrated that he was game from the ground up, and snatching his hat, he immediately ran at full speed to the Swastika hotel in order to give the guests there the benefit of the joke.

Then not satisfied with their work, these same young men, who should have known better, proceeded to place the dummy on the front porch of Mr. Chesworth's house, fire off a revolver right in front of the window of the room occupied by Mr. S. E. Peiphrey, and put the finishing touches on their work by groaning and calling for help. It is true that the young men did not intend to frighten Mrs. Chesworth, whom they supposed to be in the back part of the house where she could not hear, but nevertheless, they did so. As for Mr. Peiphrey, evidently suspecting it all as an April Fool joke, and wisely refraining from showing himself at the door, he calmly waited for the trouble to pass.

The Citizen believes that April fool jokes are all right, if they are of the harmless sort that can not possibly be injurious to any one, but when thoughtlessness is carried too far, it is time to call a halt. Except for the fright of the young man whose room was entered, and that of Mrs. Chesworth, no damage was done, and so the Citizen will refrain from giving names, but it regrets the whole instance very much.

TERRITORIAL BONDS VALID

CONGRESS PASSES BILL RELATIVE TO TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS

On March 27th, the United States Senate passed a bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Andrews, on Feb. 13th, 1908. This bill approves of the bills of the Territorial Legislature passed by the thirty-seventh assembly, providing for the creation of four armory boards of control and for the construction of armories in the cities of Santa Fe, Roswell, Silver City and Las Cruces; another for the construction of an addition to the capitol building and an executive mansion; and another for providing funds for the fifty-ninth and sixtieth fiscal years and the issuance of bonds.

The bill introduced by Representative Andrews, has passed the House and Senate, and has been sent to the President of the United States for his signature.

MEET RATON APRIL 12

CIMARRON BALL TEAM TO CROSS BATS WITH RATON NEXT SUNDAY.

A game of baseball with Raton has been scheduled for next Sunday. Raton has a strong team this year and will, without a doubt, show Cimarron all or more than it can handle, but the game will be all the better for that reason. Cimarron can play ball and if it loses, it will simply be because Raton has the better team of the two. We are going into the game with a determination to win, and there is a good chance that we will do so. Where the game is to be played has not been decided as yet, each city desiring to have it played on the home grounds. It is likely, however, that it will be pulled off at Raton.

COLFAX COUNTY TO FRONT.

Mr. Webster is highly elated at the progress Colfax county has made in the preparation for the big Albuquerque Irrigation Congress. He states that so far, Colfax county seems to have done more and to take a deeper interest in the work than any other county in the Territory. That speaks well for the progressiveness of the Colfax county farmer and business man.

WILL GO TO E'TOWN

Cimarron Merry Makers Will Attend the Dance at Elizabethtown April 11

A large number of Cimarronites have planned to take a trip to Elizabethtown next Saturday and attend a big dance that will be held there that evening. As now arranged, the party will leave Cimarron early in the morning in carriages, and return Sunday. Elizabethtown has gotten up a big dance, and has extended a cordial invitation to Cimarron for the 11th, and many have accepted and will attend, both because of the dance and because of the chance to take the drive through the beautiful scenery along the route.

Mr. Fred Lambert has undertaken to provide conveyances for all who wish to avail themselves of the chance, and a camp will be made at noon, and a picnic dinner will be served.

A number of Cimarron boys have extended an invitation to Elizabethtown to attend a dance to be held in Cimarron in the near future. The Citizen approves of this interchange of social events between neighboring towns and cities, and thinks that it would be a good plan to get up a big affair and invite the whole county on the date E-town comes down. A friendly spirit between rival towns is a great thing for the development of the community.

MASON CHASE PENS LETTER

Takes Hot Shot At Cimarron News-Press. "Von Zuylen Ganard" Commented On

Mr. Mason G. Chase, who recently read the second article appearing in the Cimarron News-Press branding the Citizen's von Zuylen story as being false, has written to the Citizen the letter copied below, with the request that it be published. While neither the Citizen nor Mr. Chase wish to make Baron von Zuylen any more notorious than possible, in view of the second News-Press attack upon the Citizen, both the Citizen and Mr. Chase are constrained to show the world that the foundation of the story was based on truth.

Mr. Chase's letter is as follows:
Editor of the Citizen:

"Dear Sir:—I am very sorry that I am responsible for you having published in your issue of March 25th, what the Cimarron News-Press is pleased to term the "von Zuylen Canard." My only excuse is that I felt sure a statement made by a person concerning himself, is usually considered admissible for publication, and I assure you that I gave you the facts as they were stated to me by the Baron himself. We must all be thankful, however, during the absence of our own wives and their consequent inability to dictate our business movements, that Colfax county has a few women who are ready and willing to do the masculine garb, and not only to run their own husband's business, but are willing to attempt the handling of other men's business as well.

"Yours truly,
" M. G. CHASE.

Because of the above letter, and because Baron von Zuylen has again stated since the publication of the "Von Zuylen Canard" story in the News-Press, that an immense sum of money is coming to him, the Citizen

LEAGUE IS FORMED

County Base Ball League Is Formed---All Star Team to Make Extended Trip

After a considerable work on the part of those most interested, a Colfax county baseball league has finally been formed. The cities represented in the league are Cimarron, Dawson, Raton and Yankee. While the schedule of games has not as yet been decided upon, a series of games in which each team will play every other team at least three times has been decided upon. About the first of June, it has been determined that an all-star team picked by the board of control of the league, shall make an extended trip throughout Colorado and New Mexico. The rules of the league as adopted, are practically those decided upon by the meeting which occurred at Dawson some time ago. The only exception is this: Each team will be allowed to have two professional ball players, it being the intention to divide up the expense of an all-star team between the towns represented in the league.

Trade Excursion.

About the first of June, the all-star team will be picked, and will play the team of Trinidad, at Trinidad. About three weeks later it will play Pueblo, and after a period of another three weeks Denver and Cripple Creek. After the return of the team, it is planned to take the team out on

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HAVE SITE FOR BUILDING

While at Albuquerque recently, Mr. Geo. H. Webster, Jr., selected the ground for the site of the Colfax County Building which will be erected for the big Irrigation Congress. This site is one hundred feet square and is situated in the very heart of the grounds, midway between the Government Forestry building and the grand stand. When erected, every one entering the grounds will have to pass by the building twice.

WILL VISIT EACH FARMER.

The Committee on Arrangements and Exhibits for Colfax county, which is preparing a big exhibit for the Irrigation Congress, has made the announcement that its members will visit each farmer in Colfax county and consult and advise with him on matters pertaining to the individual exhibits from Colfax county. This undertaking is a big one, and Mr. Wm. A. Chapman of Raton, has been selected as Mr. Webster's assistant, and has been made secretary of the committee, in order that the work may be systematized and made easier. Colfax county is going after the banner exhibit, and it is up to the farmers to show what they can raise.

SOLD OUT OXFORD HOTEL

POOLER & KERSHNER BUY OUT DUCKWORTH & MARLING---NEW MANAGEMENT IN CHARGE

Another big real estate deal took place early Monday morning, the Oxford Hotel and meat shop changing hands. Duckworth & Marling have sold out their interest in everything pertaining to the Oxford Hotel, bar and meat market to Benj. Pooler and W. D. Kershner, both old saloon men. Mr. Pooler, who has been in the business with great success at Van Houten for the past five years, is now in control of the property and will continue to take active management of the business, which will for the present be run along the same lines as in the past.

The reason why the old and popular proprietors wished to sell out is that Mrs. Marling was unsatisfied with living in Cimarron, largely on account of her health, and Mr. Duckworth did not wish to run the business alone or with a partner less congenial than Mr. Marling has been. Mr. Marling expects to remove to Tennessee, but Mr. Duckworth does not contemplate leaving Cimarron for some little time as yet, although he is uncertain as to his future.

MORE SUGAR MEN HERE

Mr. W. A. Gorman, the general freight and passenger agent of the St. L., R. M. & PAC. R. R. Co., conducted a party of Colorado and eastern men over the road from Raton to Ute Park last Sunday. Of the party, Messrs. Wiley and Wilson are engaged in looking into the possibilities for sugar beet raising. The party stopped over at Cimarron for some hours, and the ladies rested and lunched at the Swastika. The men made a tour of inspection, and while here, Mr. Wiley stated that he was very much pleased with the vicinity of Cimarron, and that if enough farmers could be induced to sign contracts for raising beets, there was no doubt but that a sugar factory would be located in or near Cimarron. Mr. Wiley represents the big sugar interests at Holly, Colorado, and should his people undertake to install a sugar plant here, they are amply able to carry the project through to completion. While no definite promises were made, it was understood by those talking with Mr. Wiley, the building of a sugar factory near here is not at all improbable.

HISTORIAN SEEKS DATA

Prof. Cragin Visits Cimarron for Historical Research, Writing History Southwest

Cimarron was honored last week by the visit of one of the foremost scholars and historians, Prof. F. W. Cragin, who for many years, was the professor of history in the State University of Colorado, but now a resident of Colorado Springs. Although not now connected with Colorado's great institution of learning, Prof. Cragin is still busily interested along lines historical, and is now engaged in writing a complete, extensive and exhaustive history of the southwest from the first Spanish Invasion down to the present time. This history will take up every line of activity, whether religious, political or commercial, that has taken place in the southwest from the earliest date of which we have authentic chronicles.

Professor Cragin is spending a great deal of time all over the territory dealt of in his writings in order that he may get minute and exhaustive data for his work. While in Cimarron he interviewed Mr. Henry Lambert and Mr. M. M. Chase, the two men, who, because they have always been observing and logical in their deductions, and because they are now almost the oldest pioneers of this community, are best informed on later history, and therefore, best able to give him data of the stirring times of the late sixties and early seventies. Professor Cragin states that the information he was able to obtain from these two gentlemen was of great importance to his work, and that Cimarron will hold no little space in his history when it is completed.

MAY INVEST IN CIMARRON

Mr. Howard T. Baldwin, of Denver, Colo., has been in Cimarron for a few days as he guest of Mr. F. W. Barlow. While here, Mr. Baldwin investigated the financial condition and the business prospects of Cimarron. He is intending to invest and take up his residence here in Cimarron if certain events justify it, and he expressed himself as very much pleased with our little city.

FULTON STARTS FLORIST SHOP

WILL HANDLE FRESH CUT FLOWERS---SPECIALIZE ON POTTED PLANTS.

J. T. Fulton will be the Cimarron florist hereafter, and when the supply of confectionery runs out, the lovelorn youth may hereafter send his chosen one flowers of every description, in the same manner as is done in any other metropolis---by digging up.

Mr. Fulton is handling the flowers of W. A. Clark's big hot houses in Colorado Springs, and has over one hundred varieties of potted plants to choose from. There are flowers and flowers, and then flowers. In fact, a view of the out lay makes one think that "Sprig hab came," and one involuntarily looks around to see where all the birds are.

The new florist has announced that he will give away four hundred carnations. The Citizen is glad to hear of it. Its editor needs a carnation, and with the price of paper going up and subscribers forgetting to subscribe, it looks as if that is the only way he will get one.